



Update

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Help Shape Future of Lower Manhattan; Register to Join 5,000 Residents from NYC and Region

Historic Javits Center Event on July 20th Will Create Inclusive Vision For Redevelopment and Permanent Memorial

You can register to join approximately 5,000 residents of New York City and the surrounding region who will meet at the Jacob Javits Center on Saturday, July 20, for "Listening to the City," a day-long event devoted to shaping plans for the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan and the creation of a permanent memorial for 9/11.

"Listening to the City" – the largest forum of its kind – is being organized by the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York City, a coalition of more than 85 civic, labor, business, environmental groups and academic institutions across the region, committed to ensuring that community voices are heard. The Civic Alliance is working closely with the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the City of New York and other public and private organizations involved in the planning process.

Designed as a 21st Century town hall meeting, "Listening to the City" will employ modern interactive technologies that combine small and large group discussions to ensure a rich dialogue. Participants will have an opportunity to view and comment on alternative proposals for the site, adjacent areas and related transportation and to voice their opinions on a permanent memorial.

Participants will be seated in 10-to-12 person round-table discussions, each led by a trained facilitator who is skilled in small-group dynamics. Networked, wireless laptop computers will serve as "electronic flipcharts" to record ideas generated during the small group discussions.

Each table's input will be instantly

transmitted to a "theme team" that identifies emerging themes and ideas from the small group discussions. Each participant will then use wireless polling keypads to rank and vote upon the shared responses, with the results being instantly recorded and displayed.

For more information about "Listening to the City" and to register as a participant, individuals should call 1-800-862-3154 or visit www.listeningtothecity.org. Participation is free, but early registration is advised as space is limited. Check-in and breakfast start at 8:00 a.m. The program will run from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Individuals unable to attend on July 20th for religious observance or other compelling reasons are invited to register – on a first-come/first-served basis – for a smaller event on Monday, July 22nd. Please call 212-404-3041 for more information.

Also on July 22, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation will open a display of the preliminary land use plans for the WTC site at Federal Hall National Memorial at Wall and Nassau Streets. As many as six plans and possibly models and simulated three-dimensional tours of the site on computer monitors will be displayed in the rotunda of the Hall through the first week of September. Visitors will be able to leave written comments about the plans which will be refined in the coming months based on public input and the Javits Center discussions.

The display will be open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend and evening hours may be added later.

Financial Seminars

Merrill Lynch will offer families of September 11th victims free financial planning seminars on the following dates:

- ❖ July 23, 2002, 10 a.m.-12 noon, at the University Center, Kean University, Union, N.J. Free child care will be provided by the Merrill Lynch Women's Network;
- ❖ July 30, 2002, 7 – 9 p.m., Ridgewood Library, Ridgewood, N.J.
- ❖ August 7, 2002, 10 a.m.– 12 noon, Ridgewood Library, Ridgewood, N.J.

To register and get directions, please call New Jersey Family Advocate Management, Inc. at 732-869-2255.

Merrill Lynch will also be providing free, individual financial plans to any family member who would like one. Specially trained financial advisors will meet with individuals to help them assess their financial needs now and in the future. Together, they will develop a plan that invests and allocates the individual's resources. Merrill Lynch will recommend the full range of investment options, including insurance and other protection products, most appropriate for each individual's need. To request this service, ask your NJFAM Advocate or call Caroline Gundek at Merrill Lynch, 800-582-8046.

New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Board

The New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Board ("NJVCCB") has received more than 470 applications from victims for compensation. According to NJVCCB Chairman, Jacob Toporek, almost \$5 million has been awarded to surviving families of New Jersey residents who were victimized on September 11, 2001.

The NJVCCB assisted many claimants at the Family Assistance Center at Liberty State Park in making application for compensation to the New York Crime

Victims Board. Although New York has primary jurisdiction for compensation claims arising out of the World Trade Center bombing, the NJVCCB allows additional claims on behalf of New Jersey victims to be filed to assist in compensating them for losses not covered under New York law.

While the New York Crime Victims Board pays a maximum of \$30,000 for loss of support or earnings, the NJVCCB compensation program is authorized to

award an additional \$25,000, the maximum benefit permitted by New Jersey statute. Also, the NJVCCB can reimburse certain family transportation expenses and funeral catering costs which New York's program excludes.

For further information on compensation benefits available to New Jersey victims of September 11th or their surviving families through the NJVCCB, please contact Melissa Verardi at the NJVCCB's Newark office, (973) 648-7175.

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America Together

New Jersey Network is gathering stories to create a living history of the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. The project, "America Together" will consist of a collection of stories, photographs, digital images and video tapes. It is intended to commemorate victims and heroes of that date for future generations. If you would like to participate, the contacts are: NJN c/o America Together Project, PO Box 777, Trenton, NJ 08625; 1-800-792-8645, ext 7-0031; audience_services@njn.pbs.org You will be asked to sign a release granting NJN the right to use your written story, audio or videotape, photo or digital image.

Volunteers for Family Advisory Board

New Jersey Family Advocate Management, Inc. (NJFAM) would like to appoint an advisory board made up of families of victims of the September 11th attacks to assist its Board of Trustees in overseeing the Family Advocate Program. Anyone interested in being considered should notify Carolann Kane-Cavaiola, NJFAM's Executive Director at (732) 869-2255.

Reminders

- ◆ The Memorial Walls Exhibit of kiosks created at the Family Assistance Center in Jersey City is ongoing through September 15th at the Monmouth County Library, Manalpan Branch, 125 Symmes Drive. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. and Sunday, September 9th, 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- ◆ Horizon Cares Victims' Relief Fund will cover the cost of medical and/or prescription coverage for eligible survivors of the WTC attacks. Applications to the Fund require a death certificate; current COBRA notice or health insurance premium bill, and proof of the victim's final residence in New Jersey. For information and an application, call 800-224-1234, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ◆ The Governor's Office of Volunteerism is coordinating "virtual summer camp" events with the non-profit Gift of New York to provide local recreation, cultural, entertainment and sports events on a daily basis for the children of September 11th victims. To locate free events in your area, visit www.thegiftofnewyork.org or call 800-528-1499.

WTC Families Host Concert for Ground Zero Recovery Teams

On July 17, 2002, the WTC widows, families and friends will host, "Voices of Inspiration—A Universal Hug" to thank the recovery teams of September 11, 2001. The concert will feature Pheobe Snow and other singer-songwriters and will be held at 8 p.m. in the Beacon Theater, 74th and Broadway. WTC families will be hosting rescue workers and their spouses. Tickets, priced at \$50, \$75, and \$100, are available to families and the general public at the box office, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12 noon - 6 p.m. Saturday; through Ticket Master, 212-302-7171; or by calling Rick Korn, 732-859-7455. Proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to uniformed workers' mental wellness charities.

Family Advocate Program Update

As of July 8, 2002, 426 families have registered with New Jersey's Family Advocate Program (FAP) and been assigned individual advocates, according to Carolann Kane-Cavaiola, Executive Director of New Jersey Family Advocate Management, Inc.

The FAP, created by Governor James E. McGreevey, provides individual advocates for families who lost loved ones and for individuals who were physically injured in the September 11th Attacks. It is designed to meet long term needs through individual attention by experienced, trained advocates who assist families in gaining hassle-free access to resources, services, benefits and other programs particularly in the areas of charitable and private

benefits, legal, financial and mental health services, scholarship programs, job training and skill enhancement programs.

According to Ms. Kane-Cavaiola, 27 advocates from various social service agencies throughout the State have been assigned. Advocates have already received six specialized training programs to assist them in accessing benefits available to families.

Ms. Kane-Cavaiola stressed that new registrations are still being accepted. Individuals eligible to sign up for the FAP may do so by calling 877-688-5268, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

The NJFAM Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of New Jersey Family Advocate Management, Inc. (NJFAM), the non-profit corporation Governor James E. McGreevey directed be established to oversee the Family Advocate Program, has been fully constituted and consists of the following:

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